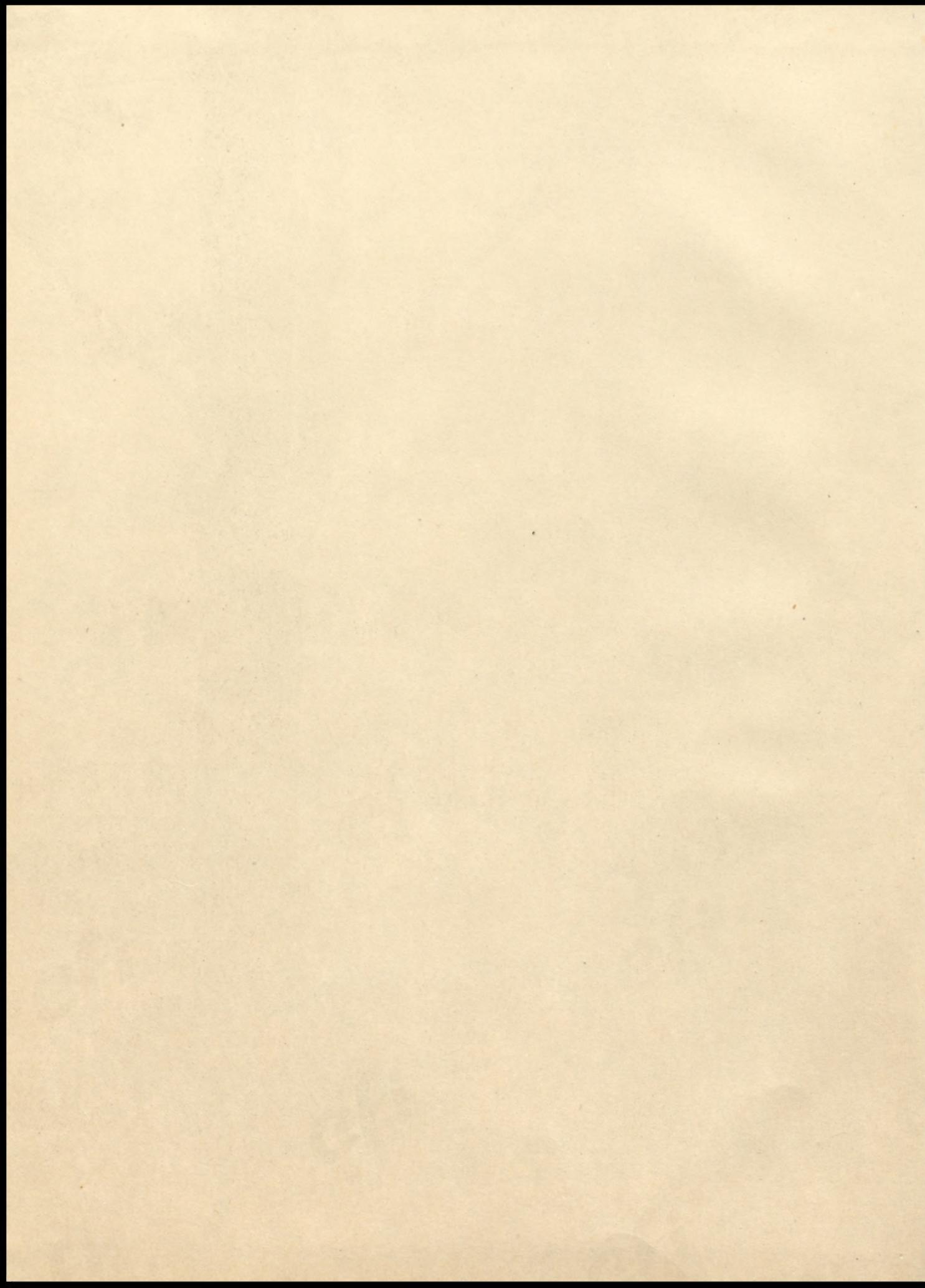


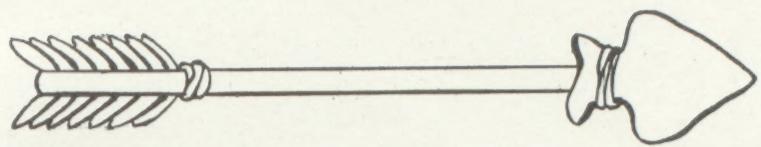
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SAGITTA

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Suffield High School

1943



FOREWORD

"Sagitta" is published by the class of 1943, which has followed in the footprints of its predecessors to create a yearbook for Suffield High School.

Through our untiring efforts, we have assembled the high lights of our school year which cover scholastic, social and sport events.

In future years we shall look over the pages and say, "Those were the good old high school days".

DEDICATION



For her Eagerness to help

For her Advice

For her Bright smile

We, the class of 1943, take pleasure in dedicating "Sagitta", to Miss Elizabeth Biggerstaff, through whose efforts our yearbook has become a successful publication.



MR. ROYCE D. McALISTER
Superintendent of Schools

Faculty

Back Row—Left to Right:

Milton H. Orcutt	B. S. M. Ed.	Physical Education
Edwin W. Davis	B. S.	Aviation, Physics, Occupations
Doris K. Norian	B. S.	Secretarial Studies
Marguerite Whittaker	B. A.	Math, Latin
Mabel F. Mann		Music
Mary G. Conway	B. S.	Secretarial Studies
Frances H. Seymour	B. S.	Home Economics
Barbara D. Ganley	B. S.	Physical Education, Science
Arthur W. Morse	A. B., M. A.	Math
Harry R. Cole	B. S.	Industrial Arts, Blueprint Reading

Front Row—Left to Right:

Eleanore B. Monahon	M. A.	General Science, Social Studies
Clementine Poirier	B. S.	French, Art
Elizabeth Biggerstaff	B. A.	English
Doris J. Connell	B. S.	English
Delmar F. Sisson, Principal	B. S., M. S.	History
Ruth T. Convey		Art and Music
Jane Griffith	B. A.	History
Elizabeth Paine	B. A.	English
Regina A. Wrzos	B. S.	History

SENIORS



J. D. Liles



ANN BARNACH
"Barney"

Ambition—Private Secretary. Activities: Treasurer 3, Reader's Reflection 4, Junior Prom Committee 3.

GORDON BLAKESLEY ✓
"Blake"

Ambition—Athlete. Activities: Baseball 2, 3, 4, Basketball 3, 4, Baseball Manager 1, Basketball Manager 2.



JOYCE BENTLEY
"Joyce"

Ambition—Author. Activities: Readers Reflection, Library Club, Glee Club.

DECEASED

CHARLES BROME
"Bob"

Ambition—Travel. Activities Basketball 2, 3, 4, Glee Club 3, Baseball 2, 3, 4.



JOHN CAIN
"Cainie"

Ambition—Travel. Activities: Basketball 4.

CHARLES COLSON ✓
"Chinky"

Ambition—Good soldier. Activities: Senior Patrol 4.



ROBERT CURTIN
"Stinky"

Ambition—Sleep. Activities: Senior Patrol 4.

RACHEL CUTLER
"Rach"

Ambition—Office work. Activities: First Aid 3.



FRANCIS DEANE
"Deane"

Ambition—To win the war. Activities: Rifle Club 3, 4, Dancing Club 1, 2, 3.

WALTER DRENZEK
"Chubby"

Ambition—Athlete. Activities: Basketball 4, Baseball 4.



LILLIAN EDMONDS
"Lil"

Ambition—WAAC. Activities: Glee Club 2, Knit Wits 3.

JOSEPH FALKOWSKI
"Joe"

Ambition—Army Air Corps. Activities: Senior Patrol 4, Dancing Club 2.



DECEASED

ROGER GARDNER
"Rog"

Ambition—Gentleman farmer. Activities: Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4, Glee Club 2, 3, 4, Fire Fighters 3, 4.

LOUISE GLEMBOSKIE
"Lou"

Ambition—Successful secretary. Activities: Glee Club 1, 2, 3, Reader's Reflection 3, 4, Knit Wits 3, Library Club 3.



HELEN GLOWNIA
"Helen G"

Ambition—Travel. Activities: Secretary 1, 3, Dancing Club 2, Reader's Reflection 3, 4, Junior Prom Committee 3, Glee Club 1, Basketball 4.

JESSIE GLOWNIA
"Jay"

Ambition—Office work. Activities: Knit Wits 2, Dancing Club 2, Glee Club 1, Reader's Reflection 4, Basketball 2, 2, 4.



JANE GOLON
"Janie"

Ambition—Aviatrix. Activities: Student Council 1, Vice President 3, Secretary 4, Dancing Club 2, Reader's Reflection 3, 4, Junior Prom Committee 3, "Sagitta" 4.

CHESTER GRABOWSKI
"Chet"

Ambition—Travel. Activities: Glee Club 3, Dancing Club 1, 2, Basketball, Manager 4.



DOROTHY HAMILTON
"Dottie"

Ambition—Architect. Activities: Dancing Club 1, 2, 3, Glee Club 1, 3, Reader's Reflection 4, Junior Prom Committee 3.

BRUCE HINCKLEY
"Bruce"

Ambition—Navy. Activities: Senior Patrol.



OLIVE HINCKLEY
"Peggie"

Ambition—21 and a WAAC. Activities: Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Reader's Reflection 3, Library Club 3, 4, Basketball 3, 4.

WILFRED HOUSE
"Muggins"

Ambition—To see the world. Activities: Rifle Club 3, 4, Dancing Club 1, 2, 3, Glee Club 3, Library Club 4.



GERTRUDE ISRAEL
"Gertie"

Ambition—Nurse. Activities: Glee Club 1, 2, 3, Basketball 4, Knit Wits 1, Ring Committee 3.

JENNIE KARPINSKI
"Karp"

Ambitions—Model. Activities: Glee Club 2, 3, 4, Dancing Club 2, Reader's Reflection 3.



MARY KLAUS
"Klausie"

Ambition—Secretary. Activities: Glee Club 4, Reader's Reflection 1, 2, 3, 4.



MARGUERITE KOPERNIK
"Marge"

Ambition—Army Nurse. Activities: Dancing Club 1, 2, Orchestra 1, 2, 3, Glee Club 2, 3, 4, Knit Wits 3, Reader's Reflection 3, 4, Suffield Girl's Club 4.



VERONICA KOSINSKI
"Ronnie"

Ambition—To travel extensively. Activities: Glee Club 1, 2, Orchestra 1, 2, 3, Rifle Club 3, Dancing Club 1, 2, Junior Prom Committee 3, Reader's Reflection 1, 2, 3, 4.



ESTHER KOSKIE
"Peggy"

Ambition—Nurse. Activities: Dancing Club 1, 2, Basketball 1, Glee Club 3.



MARY KOZIKOWSKI
"Kozy"

Ambition—Private secretary. Activities: Dancing Club 3, Glee Club 4, Reader's Reflection 4.



DOROTHY KRAIZA
"Dot"

Ambition—Nurse. Activities: Glee Club 2, 3, Knit Wits 2, Reader's Reflection 3, 4, Secretary 2, Basketball 2, 3.



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MARY LAWTON
"Bunny"

Ambition — Airplane Stewardess. Activities: Glee Club 1, 2, 3, Reader's Reflection 4, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Dancing Club 2, 3.



MARION LOVICH
"Tiny"

Ambition—Secretary. Activities: Dancing Club 1, Glee Club 1, 2, Reader's Reflection 4.



HELEN LOS
"Losie"

Ambition—Nurse. Activities: Dramatic Club 1, 2, Basketball 4, Dancing Club 1, Junior Prom Committee 3, Manager, Basketball 4, Class Play 4.



CARL MATYSKIELA
"Tiny"

Ambition — Airplane mechanic. Activities Rifle Club 4.



SHIRLEY McCOMB
"Sherry"

Ambition—Nurse. Activities: Dancing Club 1, Knit Wits 2, Glee Club 2, 4, Basketball 2, 3, 4, Suffield Girl's Club 4, Reader's Reflection 2, 3, 4.



RALPH MERRELL
"Sonny"

Ambition—Photographer. Activities: Vice President 4, "Sagitta" 4, Rifle Club 3, 4, Glee Club 3, Dancing Club 1, 2, 3, Reader's Reflection 4, Library Club 4, Class Play 4.





Deceased

VERA MILLS
"Milsey"

Ambition—Secretary. Activities: Glee Club 1, 2, Reader's Reflection 2, 3, 4, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Cheerleader 3, 4, Junior Prom Committee 3, Dancing Club 1, 2.

HOWARD MORELL
"Howie"

Ambition—Big leaguer. Activities: Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.



Deceased

HELEN MURPHY
"Pudgy"

Ambition—Nurse. Activities: Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Dancing Club 1, 2, 3, Cheerleader 3, 4, Ring Committee 3, Junior Prom Committee 3, Reader's Reflection 1, Dramatic Club 1, 2.

SHEILA MURPHY
"Murph"

Ambition—Reporter. Activities: Dramatic Club 1, 2, Dancing Club 1, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Debating Club 2, Reader's Reflection 3, 4, Junior Prom Committee 3, Student Council 3, Cheerleader 3, 4, "Sagitta" 4, Treasurer 4.



Deceased

ANDREW ORGANEK
"Andy"

Ambition — Aviation mechanic. Activities: Basketball 3, 4.

JENNIE PACEWICZ
"Peachie"

Ambition—Secretary. Activities: Reader's Reflection 4, Glee Club 2, 3, Dancing 2.



HELEN PAPAFIL
"Len"

Ambition—Bookkeeper. Activities: Reader's Reflection 4, Knit Wits 2, Glee Club 3, 4, Dancing Club 2.



Deceased

ARDELLE PEASE
"Del"

Ambition—Journalist. Activities: Dramatic Club 1, 2, Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Dancing Club 1, 2, 3, Student Council 2, Junior Prom Committee 3, Reader's Reflection 3.



EDWIN PHELON
"Pud"

Ambition—Army Air Corps. Activities: Treasurer 1, Dancing Club 1, 2, Junior Prom Committee 3.



Deceased



JOSEPH PHILLIPS
"Squeaky"

Ambition—Athlete. Activities: Basketball 3, 4, Captain, Senior Patrol 4.



FLORENCE PUTKOWSKI
"Flc"

Ambition—Private secretary. Activities: Glee Club 1, 2, Dancing Club 3, Reader's Reflection 4.



HAWLEY RISING
"Erzon"

Ambition—To be a millionaire. Activities: President 1, Treasurer 2, Dancing Club 1, 2, 3, Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4, Reader's Reflection 2, 3, 4, Glee Club 1, 2.





JOHN RISING
"Benny"

Ambition—Mechanic. Activities: Rifle Club 4, Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4, Reader's Reflection 4, Dancing Club 1, 2, 3.

LILLIAN RISING
"Raisins"

Ambition — Blueprint reader. Activities: Dancing Club 1, 2, 3, Reader's Reflection 1, 2, 3, 4, Debating Club 2, Knit Wits 2, Basketball 3, 4, Glee Club 4, Library Club 3, 4.



Deceased

ALFRED ROCK
"Rocky"

Ambition—Navy. Activities: Manager, Basketball 2, 3, Dancing Club 1, 2, 3, Fire Fighters 3, President 2.

WALTER SADOWSKI
"Professor"

Ambition—Radio Technician. Activities: Reader's Reflection 3, Secretary, Senior Patrol 4.



JEANNE SIKES
"Sikesey"

Ambition — Commercial artist. Activities: Reader's Reflection 2, 3, 4, Basketball 1, 4, Junior Prom Committee 3, Dancing Club 1, 2, Class Play 4, Glee Club 2, 3, 4, Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4, "Sagitta" 4.

GLENN SPAULDING
"Spaulding"

Ambition—Navy Air Corps. Activities: Rifle Club 2, 3, Dancing Club 2, 3, Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4, 'Sagitta' 4.



ELIZABETH STAFFORD
"Betty"

Ambition—Travel. Activities: Dancing Club 1, 2, 3, Dramatic Club 1, Reader's Reflection 4.

LILLIAN STRATTON
"Onnie"

Ambition—Marine nurse. Activities: Glee Club 1, 2, 3, Dancing Club 1, 2, Dramatic Club 1, Basketball 2, 3, Junior Prom Committee 3.



Deceased

LAWRENCE TAVINO
"Tavino"

Ambition—Gym instructor. Activities: Student Council 2, Reader's Reflection 4, President 4, Captain, Senior Patrol 4, "Sagitta" 4, Basketball 3, 4.

VERNON TRUDO
"German"

Ambition—Airline pilot. Activities: Vice President 1, Orchestra 1, 3, Rifle Club 3, 4, Baseball 1, 4, Dancing Club 1, 2, 3, Class Play 4, Reader's Reflection 4.



MURIEL WHALEN
"Whalen"

Ambition—Reporter. Activities: Reader's Reflection 4, Girls' Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Senior Dramatic Play 4, Dancing Club 1, 2, 3.

HENRY WILSON
"Peanuts"

Ambition—Engineer. Activities: Senior Patrol 4.



FLORENCE YASAITIS
"Fatty"

Ambition—Nurse. Activities: Glee Club 4, Library Club 1.

LILLIAN ZUKOWSKI
"Lil"

Ambition—Nurse. Activities: Dancing Club 1, Glee Club 3, 4, Library Club 3.



YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

The Staff of the "Sagitta" worked untiringly and endlessly to make the "Sagitta" a treasure of memories for the class of '43. The success of their efforts, as shown here, can not be denied.



JUNIORS

President Francis Dunai
Vice President Frank Kotowski
Secretary Alice Morris
Treasurer Edward Zaczynski

SOPHOMORES

President Lewis Cannon
Vice President Paul Ford
Secretary Eileen Sullivan
Treasurer Marilyn Orr





FRESHMEN

President

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Vice President

Mary Fae Finter

Secretary

Mary Lou Kingsbury

Treasurer

Wallace Drenzek



GRADE EIGHT

President

Anna Belasky

Vice President

Billy Brackoneski

Secretary

Mary Donnelly

Treasurer

Jean King



GRADE SEVEN

President

Douglas Palmer

Vice President

Richard Riddle

Secretary

Shirley Hilditch

Treasurer

Shirley Hilditch

SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra has become an important extra curricular activity of the school. It is under the able direction of Mrs. Mann.



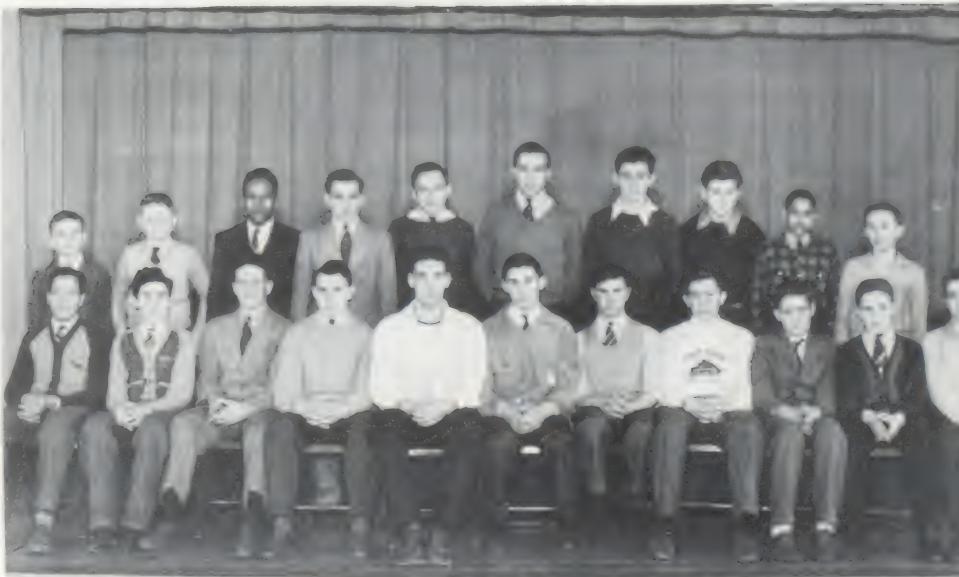
GIRLS' CLUB

Under the guidance of Miss Whittaker and Miss Paine, these girls contributed a great deal of work to the Red Cross. They also made scrap-books for the children at Shriner's Hospital. Besides this, they sponsored one of the school dances of the year.



BOYS' CHORUS

Throughout the year this group succeeded in learning many melodies of various moods and tempos. They presented "The Building of a Ship", which was a long and difficult cantata.





READER'S REFLECTION

The staff of the Reader's Reflection supports the publishing and editing of the school magazine. Jeanne Sikes and Sheila Murphy were editors this year, while many other seniors were on the production staff. It has had a successful year under the guidance of Miss Biggerstaff, Miss Conway and Miss Poirier.



SENIOR PATROL

With Lawrence Tavino and Joseph Phillips as captain, the Senior Patrol has creditably kept up the precedent set by its originators.



LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Club which started this year with thirty members, has definitely proved an asset to our school. Since the N. Y. A. has been discontinued, the members of the club have volunteered and taken over the duties of a librarian and are doing their best to make all possible improvements.

RIFLE CLUB

Under the guidance of Mr. Cole and the leadership of Marcus Deane, president, and Edward Zaczynski, range officer, the Rifle Club completed its third successful season.



GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Under the direction of Mrs. Mann, accompanied by Mrs. Convey, the seventy girls in the Glee Club have proved that organization to be a worthwhile club. The type of music ranges from the deeper classical of Brahms, to the lighter, modern popular pieces.



JUNIOR DRAMATIC CLUB

With the assistance of Miss Griffith, a group of ambitious Seventh and Eighth grade students formed a Dramatic Club. They have learned the fundamental principles of dramatics and are preparing a program to present before the student body.





CHEERLEADERS

These four cheerleaders supported the team with their spirit and enthusiasm all through the season. They lent their cheerfulness to every game and came through both victory and defeat smiling.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Although the girls' basketball team played no outside games, they had a season of fun in contests of skill held among themselves.





BASKETBALL

Because of the curtailment on transportation, the basketball schedule for the season of 1942-43 had to be shortened. The games which were played proved to be eventful.

BASEBALL

The baseball team, lacking pitching reserves, played under handicap conditions all season. The games which were lost, were lost by one run margins.



PROPHETCY

It was my appointed job to write the class prophety. Very well, but clairvoyance runs thin in my veins. Therefore, I searched for help. The best is none too good for the class of '43, so I sped to New York and consulted "Mysterious Mildred" who is acknowledged to be the seeing eye of the future. After several hours of consultation, we were able to conclude the following:

Wilfred House will realize his life's dearest ambition when he marries an Amish girl, buys a sixty acre Ohio farm, and raises a healthy family of fourteen.

Dottie Hamilton will get the job of manicurist in Joe Falkowski's swank, seven chair barbershop on Day Avenue.

Charles Robert Brome, Jr., will someday drill oil wells down in New York City. There aren't any? Well, maybe he'll discover some. How do you know?

Shirley McComb will run Suffield's largest riding academy west of East Street and north of South Street, or somewhere.

Bob Curtin will land a job as chief gag writer for Bob Hope's successor, C. Elmer Sillybritches.

The Jap exterminator, John Rising, will make his fortune by endorsing the product which keeps him in top condition, Soogies Breakfast Cereal. He'll also write a ten volume essay "How I Dood It".

Chet Grabowski will be flying that New York-Alexandria hop and will do all right until his Egyptian goddess divorces him, then he will settle down with Maggie O'Flaherty, the cop's daughter.

Here Mildred got a little mixed up, asking me if any of the class of '43 were married. It looks as though Lillian Zukowski won't stay single very long.

I believe Walter Sadowski is a farmer at heart and someday he will settle down with the cutest, nice-est little—hog farm in New England.

Mildred says that Betty Stafford and Muriel Whalen will operate one of Suffield's largest homes for aged cats. (Feline or female?)

Lillian Stratton will have a patriotic war job for the duration but her real love is nursing, so after the war she will land a job as a Marine nurse.

Andy Organik will make a successful career of carving epitaphs on gravestones, until his six ton masterpiece falls the wrong way. They just left it there.

Walter Drenzek will fly "The Rover", high, fast flagship of Ralph Merrell's new Suffield-Hindustan airline. Mildred says Ralph will take pity on a couple of his old classmates, giving Vernon Trudeau the job of running the soda fountains aboard his airliners and Helen Papafil a job serving light snacks to the passengers on one of his big ships.

From all the activity there will be in Suffield, I began to wonder where the gold mine would be located. There will be no gold mine, but the cause of it all is even more astounding. It will be found by that eminent semi-chemodoodler, Bruce Hinckley, that two weeks spent breathing the air from the Suffield area is an absolute cure for chronic disjointitis. Hawley Rising will set up a bottling works where he will have Jessie Gownia and Marguerite Kopernik jamming air into bottles as fast as they can, while Chink Carlson rushes it in his sealed pressure truck to the President in Washington.

Henry Wilson will run a bottling works too. No, not air, just let it go at that.

Florence Putkowski and Jennie Karpinski will be featured at Edwin Phelon's night club in North Granby.

Francis Deane must have more drag than an airplane carrying the hangar because Mildred says he will soon—ten years—find himself a Lieutenant-Colonel!

Olive Hinckley is a natural born critic so it's natural that she should grow famous in that capacity. Her specialty will remain a secret, she's just a critic, that's all.

Rachel Cutler will develop the newest thing in lipstick, "Honey Pine Pitch", guaranteed not to come off. Off what?

Ardelle Pease has risen to the lofty heights of editor of McCall's magazine.

Florence "she'll get it if it's your last cent" Yasaitis will collect bills for the "Ajax Bill Collecting and Pleasant Bouncing Agency". I believe it will be the first such occupation undertaken by the weaker (?) sex.

Lawrence Tavino will develop that artistic touch of his and open an art studio. He won't make much money because of the high wages of models and how could he paint without models?

Mildred says that Veronica Kosinski will spend a long, tranquil life as an old maid librarian. I'm losing faith in my mysterious friend.

Gordon Blakesley will have charge of physical education at Yale someday—or is it Vassar or it could be Alcatraz, I'm not sure.

Sailors Alfred Rock and John Cain will soon be shipwrecked on a South Sea isle and lost for twenty years. Oh happy day—such hospitable people.

Mildred would like to have Dorothy Kraiza as her own understudy, but says Dorothy will attempt the psychic "malarky" on her own.

Esther Koski will finally marry a buck private from Bradley Field. It must have been just what he needed because in a few weeks he will find himself wearing stripes.

That "on the job" fashion editor, Jane Golon, will enlarge her column, taking in a syndicate of 317 fashion magazines.

That dare-devil, Roger Gardner, will just live on danger. Death will be his business. Yes, he'll be Roger E. Gardner, mortician.

Jeanne Sikes will give combination lessons. Fifteen minutes of painting and one half hour on the cello for forty-seven cents.

The Marions, Lawton and Lovich, will soon marry, and that's that. They will be Mrs. I. Rollin Kash and Lady R. U. Corney.

Joyce Bentley will write a tangy novel of the Old West without leaving tangy old Suffield.

With all the business in Suffield, Gertrude Israel will find it profitable to open a hotel. It will be unique in that it is entirely staffed by women. Louise Gemboski and Mary Klaus as bell-hops, will get some very sizeable tips, mostly from men. Lillian Edmonds will cook things, says Mildred, as they have never been cooked. Helen Los and Ann Barnach will run a beauty salon on the mezzanine, while giving orders and filling rooms from the desk will be Vera Mills.

Joe Philips will shoot down many zeroes with his P-47. But just when it looks as though he's through with twenty Japs on his tail, the war ends and the Japs have to go home.

Mary Kozikowski and Jennie Pacewicz will take

time from their war jobs for their weddings. Their sailor boys will soon be out to sea but they'll come back and all will live happily ever after.

Howie Morell will venture far from the hills of West Suffield. Yes, way into the coal mines of Pennsylvania.

Glenn Spaulding will make a lot of money someday, with his argumentative powers. He was the defending lawyer in the case of Mr. Jones versus The Missing Tire.

Mildred prophesies that Lillian Rising will become a famous tight rope walker. She'll be the first of three generations of tight rope walkers.

The Misses Murphy will operate one of the biggest ice cream bars in Suffield, offering competition to the Suffield Pharmacy and Mix's Emporium.

It seems that Carl Matyskiela has his picture in all magazines because the Atlas treatment has worked very well. He is now part owner of the exercising machine which stands in Mr. Charles Atlas' gymnasium.

And now Mildred had seen absolutely all of the future that I could afford. She couldn't tell me anything about Helen Glownia, so I'm afraid the future of that little miss will have to tell it's own secret.

This appointed job written and completed by:

Vernon Trudo.

In Memoriam

to

Charles Robert Brome, Jr.

Born — April 18, 1926

Died — April 24, 1943

NAMES OF BABY PICTURES—

1. Ralph Merrell; 2. Jennie Karpinski; 3. Howard Morrell; 4. Hawley Rising;
5. Walter Drenzek; 6. Veronica Kosinski; 7. Helen Los; 8. Elizabeth Stafford;
9. Florence Putkowski; 10. Dorothy Kraiza; 11. Sheila Murphy; 12. Marion Lovich;
13. Jessie Glownia; 14. Louise Gemboski; 15. Charles Colson; 16. Joseph Phillips;
17. Charles Brome; 18. Joseph Falkowski; 19. Ardelle Pease; 20. Edwin Phelon;
21. Glenn Spaulding; 22. John Cain; 23. Marguerite Kopernik; 24. Wilfred House;
25. Rachel Cutler; 26. Robert Curtin; 27. Gertrude Israel; 28. Muriel Whalen;
29. Carl Matyskiela; 30. Jennie Pacewicz; 31. Lillian Zukowski; 32. Gordon Blakesley;
33. Lillian Edmonds; 34. Ann Barnach; 35. Jane Golon; 36. Helen Papafil;
37. Jeanne Sikes; 38. Dorothy Hamilton; 39. Andrew Organek; 40. Florence Yasaits;
41. Chester Grabowski; 42. Lawrence Tavino; 43. Helen Glownia; 44. Vernon Trudo; 45. Lillian Stratton; 46. Helen Murphy; 47. Olive Hinckley; 48. Shirley McComb.

CLASS HISTORY

In October, 1939, amid avid comments and exclamations, a group of anticipating young freshmen proceeded to acquaint themselves with an equally young and equally anticipating institution of learning, Suffield High School. We considered it a great honor to be the first freshman class ever to set foot in this beautiful building.

We eventually reconciled ourselves to our studies although the clamor of saws and hammers, which meant eventual completion of our beloved building, was most distracting.

We elected Hawley Rising as our president and Vernon Trudo as vice president. Helen Glowina proved an efficient secretary and as far as we know, Edwin Phelon made an honest treasurer.

The fall term darted past with an alarming speed. Before we knew it, the Christmas holidays were upon us. All the classes held parties. We freshmen, not to be outdone, celebrated the holiday with a lively evening of games and dancing.

In January we all showed a more serious attitude toward our studies and by February we were absolutely glum. Exams were enough to tax anyone's heart and soul.

Tryouts were held for the Dramatic Club's three act play, 'Her Step Husband'. Three freshmen were actually lucky enough to secure some important roles. This fact was rather astounding as the other characters who were chosen were all seniors. Helen Murphy played the leading role. Sheila Murphy stole every act with a perfect adaptation of a very comical maid. Ardelle Pease was chosen for a more severe part which lent depth to the plot.

By June we felt entitled to a long vacation and after more vicious examinations that long awaited pleasure was awarded us.

Early in September we skipped back to classes after almost three care-free months.

Once we had fallen into a regular schedule we found time to choose Alfred Rock for our president.

Many of us struggled with algebra II. Mr. Aiken's patience must have been tried to a thread. The mysterious letter "x" will always remain an unknown quantity to some of us.

Someone had the brilliant idea that our class should sponsor a "Sophomore Hop". Not only did this seem an excellent way to accumulate money for our treasury but also a way of making the other classes aware that we sophomores were on our toes. So we made preparations for the dance. It proved an enormous success.

Summer soon made her appearance again. One half of our high school career was now complete.

In September, at the first opportunity we held a class meeting and elected Vernon Trudo president.

Later in the fall the newspaper staff attended a conference in New Haven. Beside the elaborate magazines and newspapers of city high schools ours looked small and insignificant. But in comparison to the newspapers of other schools of our size it shone admirably. Incidentally, I have failed to mention that Lillian Rising was responsible for the name "Reader's Reflection" which had graced our newspaper's cover for four years. We trust that it will continue to bear

that name as a sort of memoir of a member of the class of '43.

In February a few of us attended the newspaper convention in New York. As well as broadening our minds on the subject of school papers, we had a chance to take a good look at the big city.

Plans were in the air for the Junior Prom. This was the biggest event of our school year. It drew a large attendance and we juniors couldn't help feeling a bit smug at the effects of our labor. Ceremoniously, Jane Golon was crowned May Queen and her six attendants were chosen. These were: Sheila Murphy, Dorothy Hamilton, Gertrude Israel, Marguerite Kopernick, Vera Mills and Ardelle Pease. This was a glorious ending for an exciting year.

Now we are seniors and we find ourselves faced with a war. Some may say it is a disadvantage to step out into the world at this time, for many of the boys will be called to service before they are able to begin active careers in college or the business world. But we of the class of '43 are proud to be able to participate in this struggle. In preparation for the part we will play many of our members took a course in fundamental aviation which was offered here at school. Others took preinduction courses in mechanics which were held in Hartford.

We face the coming years with earnestness of purpose and complete consciousness of the critical condition of the world.

As soon as possible we elected class officers. There would be need for many discussions and meetings throughout the year to attend to all duties as seniors. We elected Lawrence Tavino as our president; Ralph Merrell, vice president; Sheila Murphy, treasurer; and Jane Golon, secretary. We became more and more satisfied with our choice throughout the year.

In December we decided to hold a Winter Formal after Christmas vacation. All the committee worked hard but to the disappointment of all, the dance was canceled because of the fuel shortage. We managed to recover from the shock and vowed to make our Senior Prom in the spring worth remembering. At the time this goes to press we are hoping conditions will allow us to hold a senior prom.

Another event occurred in December when Francis Deane joined the army. Francis was the first of the class of '43 to join the ranks of our country's service.

We are especially proud of the work of some of our class-mates. Vernon Trudo has honored our school by participating several times on the radio program "American School of the Air". Helen Murphy and Helen Los represented Suffield High School at the Model Congress held at American International College in Springfield. Joyce Bentley wrote an excellent oration which she presented at several different places throughout the state. She won: first, the town contest; next the district contest and finally, the county contest. We were very proud to have a member of our class attain such an honor as proof of her ability.

Now comes departure. Four years have sped by on their proverbial winged feet. Our Suffield High School days will never be forgotten. They will live in our hearts as a symbol of American Democracy.

THE WILL OF THE CLASS OF 1943

We, the class of 1943, who are about to depart from this earthly realm of books and knowledge, feel the urge to leave our many abilities to some deserving persons. We therefore draw up this, our last will and testament.

Article I—We first want to bequeath to the teachers of the Suffield High School our sincere gratitude for the help and encouragement they have given us during our four years of high school.

Article II—Lawrence Tavino leaves, to the school in general, the memory of one of the best all around seniors. To the senior class, he leaves his qualifications as a good president.

Article III—Ann Barnach leaves a quiet nature to Dorothy Sweatland.

Article IV—Joyce Bentley leaves her ability to start ten different things at once to Barbara Taylor.

Article V—Gordon Blakesley leaves his place on the Senior Patrol to next year's green senior who will fill it.

Article VI—To James Ford is left Bob Brome's constant talk in Mr. Davis classes. We hope James takes physics.

Article VII—John Cain leaves his "devil may care" attitude to David O'Brien.

Article VIII—Charles Colson leaves his descriptive powers to anyone who can describe things as carefully as he does.

Article IX—Robert Curtin, bless his soul, can't quite decide what he should leave, but we doubt if there is anyone who would quite fit in his shoes.

Article X—Rachel Cutler leaves her quiet manner to Leona Malinsoki, who might use a little of it.

Article XI—Walter Drenzek leaves his nickname "Chubby" to John Jurkowski.

Article XII—Lillian Edmonds leaves to Frances Sharpe her best wishes for a successful senior year.

Article XIII—Joseph Falkowski leaves his shyness to Armand Conte.

Article XIV—Roger Gardner leaves in a hurry, with a new Dodge and a diploma.

Article XV—Louise Glemboski leaves her giggle to Corinne Gadreault to add to those she already has.

Article XVI—Helen Glowina leaves her ability to dress neatly to Viola Duni.

Article XVII—Jessie Glowina leaves her imaginary troubles to Helen Rydz who can take care of them.

Article XVIII—Jane Golon leaves her ability in salesmanship to that junior who thinks she can make money for her class as successfully as Jane has done.

Article XIX—Chester Grabowski leaves to his younger brother Henry, some of his height. Perhaps Henry can be a lady-killer also.

Article XX—Dorothy Hamilton leaves her suaveness to the junior who can throw it around as she does.

Article XXI—Bruce Hinckley leaves some of his brawn to Marcus Deane.

Article XXII—Olive Hinckley leaves a big bottle of Jergen's Lotion to next year's dish washer in Mrs. McCarl's kitchen.

Article XXIII—Wilfred House leaves to Bill Daley his ambitions of making \$1000 a week by farming.

Article XXIV—Gertrude Israel her "have a good time" attitude to any fun-loving junior.

Article XXV—Jennie Karpinski leaves her pleasant disposition to Helen Koc.

Article XXVI—Mary Klaus leaves her studious habits to Corinne Gadreault.

Article XXVII—Marguerite Kopernik leaves with her large collection of love letters.

Article XXVIII—Esther Koskie leaves her many friends at Bradley Air Base to Eleanor Durnakowski who can add these to her growing collection.

Article XXIX—Veronica Kosinski leaves her place as most-talked-about to anyone who wants to live up to the title.

Article XXX—Dorothy Kraiza leaves her hair-dressing troubles to Marjorie Ringland.

Article XXXI—Marion Lawton leaves her agreeable nature to a disagreeable junior.

Article XXXII—Helen Los leaves her ability to blush to Irene Brackoneski.

Article XXXIII—Marion Lovich leaves some genuine red hair to Betty Underwood.

Article XXXIV—Shirley McComb leaves her inventive powers to Frances Morell.

Article XXV—Carl Matyskiela leaves his ambitious nature to Kenneth Dayton.

Article XXXVI—Ralph Merrell leaves his ability as a photographer to next year's yearbook staff who will certainly need it.

Article XXXVII—Vera Mills leaves to some unsuspecting junior just a small part of her school spirit.

Article XXXVIII—Howard Morell leaves his receptive abilities to Thomas Kennedy.

Article XXXI—Helen Murphy leaves her persuasive powers to Jane Kingsbury.

Article XL—Sheila Murphy leaves her accomplishments on the yearbook to next year's chairman of the "Sagitta".

Article XLI—Andrew Organek leaves his attitude toward women to any junior who considers himself a woman hater.

Article XLII—Jennie Pacewicz leaves to Marjorie Sivula about three inches of her height.

Article XLIII—Helen Papafil leaves her gossiping nature to Eleanor Durnakowski.

Article XLIV—Ardelle Pease leaves her pleasing personality to Julia Beach.

Article XLV—Edwin Phelon leaves his good looks to Paul Hass.

Article XLVI—Joseph Phillips leaves his athletic ability to next year's basketball captain.

Article XLVII—Florence Putkowski leaves her winning smile to a junior who can use it to good advantage.

Article XLVIII—Hawley Rising leaves to Richard Hastings his courtesy toward the fairer sex.

Article XLIX—John Rising leaves with a poor, worn out and bewildered Model A. Ford. To Malcolm Brockett he leaves his driving skill.

Article L—Lillian Rising wills her sense of responsibility to Patricia McKenna, who could use a little.

Article LI—Alfred Rock leaves the school badly in need of a dreamer.

Article LII—Walter Sadowski leaves behind an ardent year of studies. May Suffield High School have more like him in the future.

Article LIII—Jeanne Sikes leaves her artistic talents to Shirley Munson.

Article LIV—Glenn Spaulding leaves his argumentative powers to Francis Dunai.

Article LV—Betty Stafford leaves her ability to get things done to Jane Organek.

Article LVI—Lillian Stratton leaves her "have you heard the latest" abilities to some unfortunate junior.

Article LVII—Vernon Trudo leaves Mr. Davis without competition in the Aviation class.

Article LVII—To Elizabeth Coates, Muriel Whalen leaves a little of her man-hating power.

Article LIX—Henry Wilson leaves his perpetual smile to Eddie Zaczynski.

Article LX—Florence Yasaitis leaves her good humor to Alice Morris.

Article LXI—Lillian Zukowski leaves her drum majorette antics to any junior who thinks she can keep up with Lillian.

Article LXII—Francis Deane left in a hurry. He's now in the army.

Article LVIII—The Senior Patrol leaves behind a year of accomplishments and hard work. However, it is unfortunate that several individuals regard the Patrol as a small scale Gestapo.

Article LXIV—To the entire Junior Class, Mary Kozikowski bequeaths her quiet nature. They certainly need it!!

Signed, sealed and attested this 18th day of June, 1943.

Ralph Merrell, Jr.

CLASS BALLOT

Athlete	Shirley McComb	Gordon Blakesley
Noisiest	Florence Yasaitis	Roger Gardner
Versatile	Sheila Murphy	Vernon Trudeau
Quietest	Rachel Cutler	Hawley Rising
Most likely to succeed	Joyce Bentley	Vernon Trudeau
Popular	Jane Golon	Lawrence Tavino
Most talked about	Veronica Kosinski	Alfred Rock
Biggest line	Dorothy Hamilton	Roger Gardner
Best looking	Helen Glownia	Edwin Phelon
Best dresser	Helen Los	Robert Curtin
Did most for S. H. S.	Jane Golon	Vernon Trudeau
Woman hater		Andrew Organek
Man hater	Muriel Whalen	
Best dancer	Ardelle Pease	Robert Brome
Musician	Jeanne Sikes	Hawley Rising
Wit	Sheila Murphy	Robert Curtin
Studious	Joyce Bentley	Walter Sadowski
Best natured	Gertrude Israel	Ralph Merrell
Sophisticated	Ardelle Pease	Robert Brome
Independent	Helen Murphy	Walter Sadowski
Biggest bluff	Vera Mills	Glenn Spaulding
Courteous	Ardelle Pease	Hawley Rising
Midget	Marion Lovich	Henry Wilson
Flirt	Vera Mills	Roger Gardner
Pest	Lillian Rising	Glenn Spaulding
Cutest	Ardelle Pease	John Cain
Optimist	Shirley McComb	Wilfred House
Pessimist	Muriel Whalen	Glenn Spaulding
King of Detention		Wilfred House
Heart Breaker	Helen Murphy	John Cain
Class Superman		Lawrence Tavino
Dreamer	Joyce Bentley	Alfred Rock
Respected	Sheila Murphy	Lawrence Tavino
Artist	Jeanne Sikes	Lawrence Tavino
Bashful	Rachel Cutler	Howard Morell



Best Dressed
Robert Curtin
Helen Los



Best Looking
Edwin Phelon
Helen Glownia



Heart Breakers
John Cain
Helen Murphy



Woman Hater
Andrew Organek

Man Hater
Muriel Whalen



Most Popular
Lawrence Tavino
Jane Golon



Athletes
Gordon Blakesley
Shirley McComb



Flirts
Roger Gordner
Lea Mills



Most Respected
Lawrence Tavino
Sheila Murphy

Joyce Bentley Ralph Merrill Gordon Blakesley Lillian Zukowski John Cain
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 Helen Murphy Marquette Louise Lembocki Dennis Stratton Andrew Orgunek
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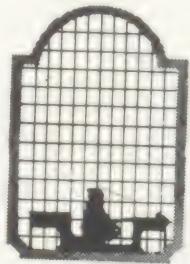
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